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TAGS: ELAB, UK

SUBJECT: THE SHELEPIN AFFAIR CONT.

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1. THE TUC HAS ERECTED A WALL OF SILENCE FOR THE MOMENT  
ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF ALEXANDER SHELEPIN AND  
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HIS COLLEAGUES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE FCO

ON A RESTRICTED BASIS A LIST OF DELEGATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR VISAS (SEE BELOW). AN FCO SOURCE EXPECTS THE GROUP TO BE IN THE UK FROM THE PERIOD OF APRIL 2-8, BUT THIS HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED. TIME, PLACE, PROGRAM AND OTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY GUARDED BY THE TUC, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SAY VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE VISIT.

2. SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR VISAS ARE:

- A) ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH SHELEPIN, CHAIRMAN OF ALL UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS;
- B) PETR TIMOFEYEVICH PIMENOV, ENGINEER DESIGNER;
- C) LEONID VALENTINOVICH PETROV, MECHANICAL ENGINEER;
- D) NIKOLAY VLADIMIROVICH CHERKASOV, READER AND INTERPRETER INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF ALL UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS;
- E) MAYA GEORGIYEVNA DOLZHENKOVA NEE LEVITSKYA, CHAIRWOMAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF TRADE UNION WORKERS IN TEXTILE AND LIGHT INDUSTRIES;
- F) VALERIY VASILYEVICH KOMAROV, SECURITY OFFICER;
- G) VYACHESLAV GAVRILOVICH TEPLENKO, SECURITY OFFICER
- H) VLADIMIR BORISOVICH KUZNETSOV, SECURITY OFFICER;
- I) NICOLAY ANDREYEVICH KONOPLEV, SECURITY OFFICER;
- J) VIKTOR ALEKSANDROVICH KOLYVAGIN, SECURITY OFFICER;
- K) ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH SOKOLOV, SECURITY OFFICER

3. THE ANTI-SHELEPIN CAMPAIGN HAS ABATED SOMEWHAT, PARTLY BECAUSE THE EC ISSUE AND OTHER MATTERS HAVE PRE-EMPTED THE NEWS COLUMNS. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE RELATIVE ABATEMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN MAY SIMPLY BE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN AND SOVIET DEPARTMENT OF THE FCO FEEL THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY THE EXTENT OF THE NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE SHELEPIN VISIT AND THAT THEY HAD OVERESTIMATED THE ABILITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONTAIN IT. THEY ARE NOW, OUR SOURCES SAY, CHAGRINED TO SEE THE VISIT BECOME SOMEWHAT OF AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE

LABOR GOVERNMENT, BUT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS ARE INHIBITED FROM CALLING IT OFF.

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